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Adjournment

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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: I'll call the meeting of the
- 3 Energy Commission to order. Commissioner Rosenfeld, would
- 4 you lead us in the pledge, please.
- 5 (Thereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
- 6 recited in unison.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: As our first item of
- 8 business, I would like to have a motion to accept the four
- 9 additional items that were posted.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I have three
- 11 additional items. I show 21, energy Conservation
- 12 Assistance Act Account, 22 --
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: You're correct.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: -- Grant Program Guidelines
- 15 and 23 Title 20 Appliance Regulations. I move to add
- 16 those to the regular agenda.
- 17 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion and a second. All in
- 19 favor?
- 20 (Ayes.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 22 Adopted four to nothing that they will be added
- 23 to the agenda.
- One personal privilege. Claudia? Is Claudia
- 25 here?

1 Claudia, would you come forward for a moment. I

- 2 don't think Claudia knows why she's here.
- 3 MS. CHANDLER: I'm suspicious then.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: I have the privilege of
- 5 presenting an award to Claudia Barker, as I knew her,
- 6 Chandler for her valued and excellent service to the State
- 7 of California for 25 years.
- 8 (Applause.)
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: She began her career at the
- 10 Energy Commission in 1976, worked in energy systems,
- 11 worked in the fuels office, worked in the biomass office.
- 12 She's been an assistant executive director and manager of
- 13 media communications for more than 15 years. She's had
- 14 her hands full the last few years dealing with one issue
- 15 after another.
- 16 At the current time, the office handles 250 to
- 17 300 calls from reporters a week. She's gotten our web
- 18 site going. And I'd like to congratulate her for her 25
- 19 years of service.
- Thank you, Claudia.
- 21 (Applause.)
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Of course, we tried to figure
- 23 out why in the world she stayed at the Energy Commission
- 24 for 25 years.
- 25 And reason number 10.

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1 (Laughter.)
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- MS. CHANDLER: Who wrote this guy's script?
- 3 (Laughter.)
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: She was so altruistic and
- 5 morally committed to carrying out the innovative energy
- 6 policies of Governor Brown, Deukmejian, Wilson and Davis.
- 7 (Laughter.)
- 8 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Reason number 9, the
- 9 Energy Commission is within walking distance of Vallejo's.
- 10 (Laughter.)
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Eight, the Woman's National
- 12 Basketball Association wasn't in existence.
- 13 (Laughter.)
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Number 7, someone told her
- 15 bars were out and the Energy Commission was a swell place
- 16 to meet marriageable men.
- 17 (Laughter.)
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: And she did. But she went
- 19 beyond that and named her son CEC, Colin Edward Chandler.
- 20 (Laughter.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Reason number 6, she figured
- 22 out that College graduates with Master's degrees in public
- 23 health should work with sick people.
- 24 (Laughter.)
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Reason number 5, the walnut

- 1 industry is not all it's cracked up to be.
- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Besides, as the media person
- 4 she gets to use cool words like harbinger in a sentence.
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Reason number 3, where else
- 7 can she have a student working for her who is twice her
- 8 age.
- 9 (Laughter.)
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Number two, she gets all the
- 11 free calendars she needs.
- 12 (Laughter.)
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: And the main reason, the
- 14 California Energy Commission is a lot easier to say than
- 15 the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
- 16 (Laughter.)
- 17 (Applause.)
- 18 MS. CHANDLER: I didn't want to give up the mic
- 19 yet.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Well, you're not going to get
- 21 much of it.
- 22 (Laughter.)
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Usually, we have jewelry or
- 24 something, but the pen is mightier than jewelry.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Robert broke the pen and

- 1 misset the time.
- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Here is your pen and we
- 4 probably should have done this first, but this is a
- 5 certificate from Governor Gray Davis on your 25 years.
- 6 Thank you.
- 7 (Applause.)
- 8 MS. CHANDLER: Bob missed out.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Claudia, for that
- 10 acceptance speech.
- 11 (Laughter.)
- 12 MS. CHANDLER: I'm walking back to the podium
- 13 right now.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: You don't give up the floor
- 15 once you get it.
- MS. CHANDLER: That's right. This was a
- 17 surprise, so you're fortunate that I don't have a prepared
- 18 speech. It has been a great character building experience
- 19 to work at the Energy Commission for 25 years, which means
- 20 that I'll have to quit telling people I'm 35, because I
- 21 don't think anybody believes that we higher student
- 22 assistants at ten.
- 23 Actually, I started on January 17th, right,
- 24 Manuel. Manuel and I showed up on the same day for work.
- 25 Manuel since has bailed. I'm holding down the fort for

- 1 you, buddy.
- 2 I have had the pleasure of working with
- 3 terrifically wonderful people here in every office. I'm
- 4 here because I love this job and I love the people that
- 5 are here.
- 6 So thank you for the pleasure.
- 7 (Applause.)
- 8 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Claudia. Good
- 9 luck in the next 25 years.
- 10 (Laughter.)
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Mr. O'Brien, would you come
- 12 up here for a second, before I get started.
- 13 Sorry for that.
- 14 Item one, Los Banos Voltage Support Facility.
- 15 MR. BARTRIDGE: Good Morning, Commissioners. I'm
- 16 Jim Bartridge, Project Manager on behalf of the Energy
- 17 Commission. With me today is Darcie Houck, staff
- 18 attorney.
- 19 On November 26th Cummins West filed an AFC
- 20 seeking approval to construct and operate the Los Banos
- 21 Voltage Support Facility on a 12-acre site near the city
- 22 of Los Banos within Merced County.
- The Project is proposed to be an 80 megawatt
- 24 facility consisting of 44 self-contained diesel generator
- 25 sets proposed for peak operation during periods of

- 1 critical need.
- 2 The project would be fueled by low-sulfur diesel
- 3 and utilize both selective catalytic reduction and diesel
- 4 particulate filters to reduce emissions.
- 5 Water and gas supplies would not be required for
- 6 operation and no waste water would be generated during
- 7 operation as well. All waste would be disposed of during
- 8 routine generator maintenance.
- 9 Upon review, ten of 23 technical areas were found
- 10 data inadequate for the six-months process, and 12 of 23
- 11 areas were found data inadequate for the 12-month process.
- 12 Air quality, biological resources and
- 13 transmission system engineering are areas of significant
- 14 concern. Therefore, at this time, we recommend the
- 15 Commission find that the AFC is not adequate.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you. We have a
- 17 recommendation of nonadequacy.
- 18 Applicant comment.
- 19 MR. FREDERICK: Yes, Jess Frederick with WZI here
- 20 representing the applicant, and with me is Paul Bleeker
- 21 from Cummins West as well.
- 22 We have proceeded in due haste to try and meet
- 23 all the criteria for data adequacy, and continue to do so.
- 24 We are presently corresponding with PG&E to try to
- 25 determine what optimal interconnect would be used at Los

- 1 Banos substation.
- 2 It's a very important element of north path 15,
- 3 and we feel that PG&E should have a lot of say in what we
- 4 propose, so we are working carefully with them.
- 5 To that extent, we will and we do anticipate
- 6 receiving the system impact study in February. We are
- 7 also resolving other issues that exist. As you know, we
- 8 try to run as fast as we can and get the package submitted
- 9 in a timely manner and respond as quickly as possible, and
- 10 would prefer that we proceed as if we were going to
- 11 achieve the necessary information sufficient to meet the
- 12 six-month criteria.
- 13 We feel that the facility is a critical element
- 14 and have proceeded at risk through the uncertain times
- 15 that we have had and will continue to do so. Cummins is
- 16 committed to the project.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you. And staff, are
- 18 we -- do we see a date when we'll have this back in front
- 19 of us?
- 20 MR. BARTRIDGE: We're working with the applicant
- 21 now. It's yet to be determined.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 23 Commissioner Moore.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chair, I move the
- 25 Executive Director's recommendation for data inadequacy.

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1 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
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- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner Moore
- 3 seconded by Commissioner Rosenfeld.
- 4 Any further comments?
- 5 All in favor?
- 6 (Aye.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- Four to nothing, thank you.
- 9 That puts Item 2 over.
- 10 Item 3, Palomar Energy, LLC. Commission's
- 11 consideration of the Executive Director's data adequacy
- 12 recommendation for Palomar.
- 13 MR. ELLER: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Bob
- 14 Eller for Commission staff. I'm the project manager.
- 15 This morning we're looking at the Palomar Energy
- 16 Project filed on November 28th by the Palomar Energy LLC,
- 17 a subsidiary of Sempra.
- 18 The applicant proposes to construct and operate a
- 19 500-megawatt natural gas fired combined cycle electric
- 20 generation facility in San Diego County in the City of
- 21 Escondido. The facility will be located at a proposed
- 22 business park in the city. And the City of Escondido is
- 23 currently preparing an EIR on that business park.
- 24 Staff has reviewed the application and of the 23
- 25 technical areas, we believe information contained in the

- 1 AFC is deficient in 14 of those areas. We believe
- 2 additional information is required for air quality,
- 3 alternatives, biological resources, cultural resources,
- 4 land use, noise, reliability, socioeconomics, soil
- 5 resources, traffic and transportation, transmission system
- 6 engineering, visual resources, waste management and water
- 7 resources.
- 8 Staff recommends that the Commission adopt
- 9 staff's deficiencies.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- Applicant.
- 12 MR. MILLER: Good morning, Commissioners. My
- 13 name is Taylor Miller. I'm an attorney with Sempra
- 14 Energy. I'd like to briefly introduce our team on the
- 15 project to you this morning.
- To my right is Joe Rowley, Vice President of
- 17 Sempra Energy Resources and he's been shepherding the
- 18 project from its inception. Just behind us, Mr. Bob
- 19 Jackson, who will be the project manager for the project.
- 20 We will be working actively with staff to resolve
- 21 the adequacy issues. We plan to file an additional
- 22 package within the next two weeks. We're relatively
- 23 confident that we can work through the issues in short
- 24 order and be back before you for an adequacy
- 25 determination.

1 So with that, I'll just ask Mr. Rowley if he has

- 2 any remarks he wants to make this morning.
- 3 MR. ROWLEY: Glad to be here.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I just have
- 6 one question.
- 7 Taylor, can you tell me what the source of water
- 8 cooling is going to be?
- 9 MR. MILLER: The water will be reclaimed water
- 10 from the project. The project is located within a mile, I
- 11 believe, or less of what's called the Harf. It's a water
- 12 treatment facility of the City of Escondido.
- MR. ROWLEY: Maybe I should say just a couple of
- 14 words. The objective of this project is really three or
- 15 four fold. Primarily, we wanted to place a generating
- 16 resource within the San Diego load pocket and do that in a
- 17 manner that would not require any significant linear
- 18 facilities.
- 19 So we've placed the project site immediately
- 20 adjacent to transmission facilities for interconnection,
- 21 and also immediately adjacent to existing gas pipelines.
- 22 And then along with that same objective, we were able to
- 23 secure a location that's very close to a large source of
- 24 reclaimed water, that the City of Escondido's facility
- 25 will produce about three times more reclaimed water than

1 what the project can use, so that the City is looking for

- 2 additional customers as well.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 5 Do I have a motion?
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Move the Executive
- 7 Director's recommendation.
- 8 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Second.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner Moore,
- 10 seconded by Commissioner Pernell for data inadequacy.
- 11 All in favor?
- 12 (Ayes.)
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 14 Four to nothing.
- We'll see you back.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Item 5, Tesla Power Project.
- 17 Commission Consideration of the Executive Director's Data
- 18 Adequacy Recommendations for the Tesla Power Project,
- 19 application for certification.
- 20 MR. CASWELL: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm
- 21 Jack Caswell, staff's project manager for the Tesla Power
- 22 Project and with me is Darcie Houck, staff counsel.
- On October 12th Midway Power, LLC filed an
- 24 application for certification seeking approval from the
- 25 Energy Commission to construct and operate the Tesla Power

1 Project. The project, as proposed, would be an 1,120

- 2 megawatt natural gas fired combined cycle powerplant,
- 3 about a half mile north of the PG&E Tesla substation in
- 4 Alameda County.
- 5 November 14th, at the business meeting, the
- 6 Commissioners deemed the Tesla Project application
- 7 inadequate for both the six and 12-month process.
- 8 The applicant initially had requested a six-month
- 9 review of this project. And, of course, they must meet
- 10 the criteria for both the 12 and 6 in order to do this.
- 11 They continue to be inadequate in the six-month
- 12 process, but adequate for the 12-month process. And those
- 13 inadequacies are air, bio, land and water issues. We have
- 14 discussed this with the applicant, and they indicated to
- 15 me that they would like to proceed on the 12-month
- 16 process. And so, at this time, staff is requesting that
- 17 you approve the adequacy for this project.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you. We have a
- 19 recommendation for data adequacy. Do we have any --
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I have one question about
- 21 the plant itself. And perhaps I can direct this to
- 22 counsel, and ask you is this plant situated in such a
- 23 manner that it can make power available then north and
- 24 south of Tesla? In other words, it's going to provide the
- 25 potential for grid relief as it were?

1 MR. BUSA: This is Scott Busa. I'm the project

- 2 manager. I work for FPL Energy for Midway Power. The
- 3 interconnection with the Tesla substation actually allows
- 4 power to flow to various markets of the bay area San
- 5 Joaquin valley and areas back up towards the Sacramento
- 6 valley also.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thanks.
- 8 Mr. Chairman, I'm prepared to move the Executive
- 9 Director's recommendation of data adequacy on this
- 10 project.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion on data adequacy by
- 12 Commissioner Moore.
- 13 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Second by Commissioner
- 15 Pernell.
- Any other comments?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: I'll give you a chance.
- 18 All in favor?
- 19 (Ayes.)
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 21 Adopted four to nothing.
- 22 MR. GALATI: We would like to -- excuse me, Scott
- 23 Galati on behalf of Midway Power. We would like to thank
- 24 staff for expeditiously reviewing the information and then
- 25 working with us closely to become data adequate. And

1 specifically I'd like to recognize Jack Caswell for

- 2 facilitating that communication.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 5 We have looked at the powerplant siting cases,
- 6 and we have one member of the Commission that is not
- 7 present today. I would entertain a motion that
- 8 Commissioner Laurie be the lead --
- 9 (Laughter.)
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: -- and that Commissioner
- 11 Moore be the second on the Tesla Powerplant. Do I have
- 12 such a motion?
- 13 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, I would so
- 14 move.
- 15 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Moved by Commissioner Pernell
- 17 and seconded by Commissioner Rosenfeld with enthusiasm.
- 18 (Laughter.)
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: All in favor?
- 20 (Ayes.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- Four to nothing.
- 23 Mr. Tomashefsky, would you let Commissioner
- 24 Laurie know.
- 25 (Laughter)

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1 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Item 7 is Central Valley
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- 2 Energy Center Project. Commission consideration of the
- 3 Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the
- 4 Central Valley Energy Center Project.
- 5 MR. TRASK: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm
- 6 Matt Trask, project manager for the project manager for
- 7 the Central Valley Energy Center Project. With me today
- 8 is Paul Kramer, staff attorney, on the case.
- 9 As was proposed by the project applicant,
- 10 Calpine, the CVC would be a nominal 1,060 megawatt
- 11 combined cycle natural gas fired generating facility
- 12 located in the town of San Joaquin in Fresno County.
- 13 The project would include about 1,500 feet of new
- 14 transmission line, about 20 miles of new natural gas
- 15 pipeline, and about 21 miles of new pipeline for the
- 16 project's reclaimed water supply.
- 17 Calpine submitted the AFC on October 31st, 2001.
- 18 And acting on staff's recommendation, the Commissioner
- 19 founded the December 5th business meeting that the
- 20 application was data inadequate.
- 21 Since then, Calpine has submitted supplemental
- 22 materials to its AFC, and the staff's review of these
- 23 materials shows that the AFC now meets all the
- 24 informational requirements of both the six-month and
- 25 12-month processes.

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1 Therefore, the staff recommends the Energy
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- 2 Commission find the Central Valley Energy Center AFC
- 3 adequate and assign a Committee to the proceeding.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you. We have a
- 5 recommendation for adequacy.
- 6 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Commissioner Pernell.
- 8 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: I would move the Executive
- 9 Director's recommendation for adequacy for the Central
- 10 Valley Energy Center Project.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commission Pernell
- 13 second by Commissioner Moore.
- 14 Do we have any questions here on this?
- Any comment from the audience?
- 16 All in favor?
- 17 (Ayes.)
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 19 Adopted four to nothing.
- 20 MR. HARRIS: I was going to wait for the vote
- 21 first. I want to thank the staff and actually in the
- 22 interests of time just turn it quickly to Mike Argentine,
- 23 the Project Manager.
- 24 MR. ARGENTINE: Yeah, I wanted to thank the staff
- 25 also, specifically Matt Trask and all of the people that

1 worked with them to get us to data adequacy, because I

- 2 know they put in many, many hours for this project.
- 3 We feel it's a very important project for the
- 4 Fresno area. It's 1,060 megawatts just like Matt
- 5 mentioned. It provides certain electrical benefits that
- 6 are needed in that area since it's already devoid of about
- 7 1,000 megawatts right now. So we appreciate the
- 8 opportunity to continue to work with the staff on the
- 9 project.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 12 Item 9, -- I'm sorry Item 8, Central Valley
- 13 Energy Center Project, approval of a Committee.
- 14 I'll entertain a motion that Commissioner
- 15 Rosenfeld be lead and Commissioner Laurie be second.
- 16 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, I would so
- 17 move.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner
- 20 Pernell seconded by Commission Moore.
- 21 All in favor?
- 22 (Ayes.)
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 24 Adopted four to nothing.
- MR. HARRIS: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Item 9, Title 20, Data

- 2 Collection Regulations. Possible adoption of Express
- 3 Terms, 15-day language, for the Commission's regulations
- 4 pertaining to data collection and disclosure of Commission
- 5 records.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, just as a very
- 7 brief introduction to this, before staff outlines some of
- 8 the terms, let me just say this comes to you at the end of
- 9 a very, very long process, which is almost six years long,
- 10 when you look at it.
- 11 And I can only say that I very much appreciate
- 12 the position of people like Dennis Roth who used to
- 13 shuttle between here and Israel back and forth trying to
- 14 hammer out different kinds of agreements where the
- 15 wording, the subwording of one sentence made all the
- 16 difference in the world, and trying to iron those out.
- 17 And trying to find agreement that still satisfied all of
- 18 the Energy Commission's concerns has been a challenge at
- 19 best.
- 20 And I am very happy that we are bringing this to
- 21 a close and that we can go on and try and get the
- 22 information that we need. Let me just say that it is my
- 23 belief, I have iterated this before, and I just want to
- 24 underline it, it is my belief that in these regulations
- 25 and in the compliance with them and the development of

1 information based on this data, lies the future of this

- 2 Commission.
- 3 And we will, I believe, be more successful than
- 4 we have been in the past because of the kind of
- 5 information that is represented here, and our ability with
- 6 the very, very competent staff that we have to make use of
- 7 it.
- 8 I think that this is a chance to forge some
- 9 stronger new relationships with the industry that we
- 10 regulate and to make them a part of the process in such a
- 11 way that they'll be able to use the data as well as we
- 12 will. They'll be able to use the information as well as
- 13 we will, and frankly that our principal clients, the
- 14 Legislature, the Executive Office and the industry at
- 15 large will be better off by a consistent thread of this
- 16 data coming in in the future.
- We've had some stumbles getting started, and I
- 18 think we're passed that. It's going to be a transition
- 19 period where you, sitting at this dais, are not going to
- 20 have the results of this for a couple of years. There
- 21 will be lags before the information is processed in a
- 22 volume high enough to allow intelligent manipulation of it
- 23 and the generation of reports.
- 24 But once it starts, then it should go on forever,
- 25 at least as long as this Commission is in existence. I

1 believe that it will provide the basis for very sound and

- 2 very solid public decision making.
- 3 Mr. Chairman, I know Andrea is here and can
- 4 outline the highlights of the 15-day language, and there
- 5 are probably some of the stakeholders who participated so
- 6 ably in this process who'd like to speak as well.
- 7 MS. GOUGH: Hi. I'm Andrea Gough with the
- 8 California Energy Commission staff. On December 4th, we
- 9 had released a version of 15-day language covering the
- 10 regulations. And at the last business meeting on December
- 11 19th, we heard comments plus there were written comments
- 12 that raised four issues.
- The issues covered load metering report due
- 14 dates. There was an issue request about request for
- 15 information. And a couple of you told me, you brought up
- 16 the issue about we had reinstated some of the resource
- 17 planning and demand forecast possibilities by utilities,
- 18 and then an issue of a definition of electric utilities.
- 19 Since that time on December 24th the Electric and
- 20 Natural Gas Committee reissued a revised 15-day language
- 21 that actually addressed those issues. And we received one
- 22 set of written comments since that time from IEP that
- 23 they're still concerned about the definition of electric
- 24 utility, but go along with the Electric and Natural Gas
- 25 Committee's recommendation to go ahead and adopt this

- 1 language today.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 3 Any questions here?
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, can I just add
- 5 one thing. One of the threads that has made this a
- 6 difficult process all along is the question of
- 7 confidentiality and our ability to protect this data.
- 8 This is an issue in our relationships with EIA and at the
- 9 Department of Energy as well. And I just want to
- 10 emphasize before we even begin to hear from some of the
- 11 other parties that we are committed to and I believe have
- 12 gone to the lengths that are necessary to absolutely
- 13 protect this data and make it confidential.
- I just noted that we've had a request on that
- 15 basis to protect some of the data. We intend to honor it
- 16 coming in. And that is our signal that we're committed to
- 17 the process that I believe has been not penetrated at all
- 18 in any of the time that it's been in existence. And so
- 19 the Committee, and hopefully this Commission will
- 20 reiterate its support for the strongest confidentiality
- 21 regulations that exist in the U.S. today. And we consider
- 22 ourselves bound by those.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- Mr. Alvarez.
- 25 MR. ALVAREZ: I'll be brief. Manuel Alvarez,

1 Southern California Edison. I'm just getting over a cold,

- 2 so bear with me.
- 3 I'm here today basically to support the proposal
- 4 that's before you, and ask for your consideration.
- 5 There is one other thing I'd like to ask is that
- 6 as we've gone through this process, it's probably time for
- 7 us to consider kind of ending this particular segment of
- 8 the data collection, and if we're going to kind of revisit
- 9 other issues as this industry evolves and as this market
- 10 stabilizes, at that time reopen another proceeding to look
- 11 at data collection and data process.
- So I'm here to support these regulations.
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Ms. Fleming.
- MS. FLEMING: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm
- 18 Pat Fleming representing this morning San Diego Gas and
- 19 Electric and Southern California Gas. I think I want to
- 20 echo much of what Mr. Alvarez said.
- 21 We do, in deed, appreciate that the Commission
- 22 has accepted many of our comments on these regulations,
- 23 specifically regarding Section 1344(c), the load metering
- 24 hourly load estimates by customer sector. We appreciate
- 25 the fact that that report due date has been changed to

- 1 September 1 instead of June.
- 2 Regarding Sections 1345, 1347 and 1348, these are
- 3 the sections on the demand, forecast, resource plans and
- 4 financial information. We agree that future workshops and
- 5 hearings should be held to address these issues,
- 6 especially in view of the restructured industry, and we
- 7 still seem to be going through some iterations.
- 8 In fact, I would agree with Mr. Alvarez that
- 9 perhaps we should just close this docket and open a new
- 10 docket to address the future discussions.
- 11 And we might also consider Section 1351 regarding
- 12 the Executive Director's ability to request information.
- 13 That might be another item to discuss in future workshops
- 14 and hearings.
- 15 But otherwise, we're here to support the changes
- 16 and we appreciate the staff's willingness to discuss these
- 17 matters with us in the last few weeks, especially Andrea
- 18 Gough she's been most helpful.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Pam.
- 21 Mr. Kelly.
- 22 MR. KELLY: Steven Kelly with the Independent
- 23 Energy Producers. And I, too, would recommend that the
- 24 Commission move forward and approve this revised language.
- 25 I would also reiterate that it seems like we

1 started this proceeding before I started getting gray hair

- 2 and now I've got a lot of it. It's been a long
- 3 proceeding. It's probably timely to close this down, so
- 4 that we can move on to some of the other bigger issues.
- 5 And I would particularly like to applaud the staff and
- 6 Commissioner Moore on dealing with this issue.
- 7 It's a very complicated and delicate issue, and I
- 8 thought they managed this very well in order to bring all
- 9 the parties together. And this may be my only
- 10 opportunity, so I'll take it now. I know Commissioner
- 11 Moore is moving on to other things, so I would like to
- 12 also personally, on behalf of my association and members,
- 13 to thank him for his leadership in a number of issues that
- 14 were very complicated, the renewable stuff, this data
- 15 collection stuff where we generated some very innovative
- 16 solutions to very complex problems that we've seen in the
- 17 past have been successful in implementation.
- 18 So I want to thank him for that and applaud his
- 19 work in that and look forward to moving forward beyond
- 20 this issue as well.
- 21 So thank you very much.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Mr. Kelly. And
- 23 Speaking for the three commissioners who didn't have to
- 24 deal with this issue, we're very thankful that
- 25 Commissioner Moore did and was skillful in doing this.

- 1 (Laughter.)
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: It would be my assumption,
- 3 Commissioner Moore, that having heard from all the parties
- 4 this seems to be an appropriate time to close these
- 5 proceedings.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: If that's the end of the
- 7 public comment, Mr. Chairman, I have a motion. But before
- 8 I have a motion, I'd like to ask General Counsel if he can
- 9 guide me on this.
- 10 Counselor, it was my intention to recommend that
- 11 we close this rule-making at the end of this. And I'm not
- 12 sure what formal procedure needs to be initiated. Should
- 13 a letter come from the Committee to the full Commission
- 14 indicating that our business is done on this docket and
- 15 close it up or can I incorporate that as a part of this
- 16 motion today?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Let me add an addenda to that
- 18 or do we hold something open until administrative -- we've
- 19 approved or something like that.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Is there an appropriate date?
- 22 CHIEF COUNSEL CHAMBERLAIN: Yeah. I think you
- 23 would want to maintain it open until OAL has acted on the
- 24 rule-making, but other wise either of those options would
- 25 be fine for that.

1 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Do you want to incorporate

- 2 that in there?
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to
- 4 ask you to -- I'm going to make a motion to approve this
- 5 item. And in making that motion, let me say that it is my
- 6 intention that the Commission would, at the successful
- 7 implementation of this 15-day language, close this docket,
- 8 and that a successive committee be empowered to take up
- 9 the potential, probably through an OII of some kind, later
- 10 in the year.
- 11 And I mean later in the year, because there needs
- 12 to be some passage of time to let this data come in. And
- 13 let me just say that we've had a fair amount of debate
- 14 back and forth with the major utilities trying to make
- 15 sure that we get, for instance, load research data. It is
- 16 beginning to come in. I very much appreciate the
- 17 cooperation that we've had. And I have to say the
- 18 representatives who so faithfully attend here from the
- 19 utilities have done yeoman work in trying to make sure
- 20 that they get their appropriate administrations to oversee
- 21 and approve the release of the data, which also implies a
- 22 cost. I'm not unaware of that. And so it's very much
- 23 appreciated and so it's happening.
- 24 And what I want to say is we need some time to
- 25 digest it. We need some time to get it back in, and

1 appreciate the value of the data that's coming in, any

- 2 gaps that might be there. So I'm going to recommend, and
- 3 this task will probably fall to my colleague, Dr.
- 4 Rosenfeld. And I will simply say and know that he's going
- 5 to have this in the back of his mind to deal with.
- 6 And sometime late in '02 will probably be a good
- 7 time to convene a workshop, first, and say how's it going?
- 8 Is the data coming in, are we being able to use it? Is it
- 9 accurate? And, at that point, it will probably become
- 10 clearer what the topics of an OII ought to be. And I
- 11 would hope that the Committee would open a new docket, at
- 12 that point, and that it will be probably a much friendlier
- 13 place than the last time around.
- 14 I imagine it's going to be a much narrower place,
- 15 and so I don't think the Commissioners who are assigned to
- 16 that task are going to have quite the difficulties that we
- 17 did over the last few years.
- 18 So with that, one other topic on the workshops,
- 19 and that is clearly the 1351 Section, which is embodied in
- 20 the title of Executive Director having the ability to
- 21 request data is a tense one, and it in turn is tied to
- 22 what kind of data do you want, what do you want to do with
- 23 it.
- I think that that workshop that I've mentioned is
- 25 a good forum using that Title, the 1351 Title, to debate

1 this issue, and imagine what do we still need and how can

- 2 we cooperatively go out and get it. That ought to be the
- 3 by-word, and I think that it will be apparent to the
- 4 industry, at that point, given the flow of data that will
- 5 have come in by then, that cooperation is going to have
- 6 benefits for everyone.
- 7 So with that, Mr. Chairman, you have a motion on
- 8 the floor.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you for your comments.
- 10 Do I --
- 11 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Let me make sure that we all
- 13 understand the motion. The motion is to adopt, and the
- 14 motion is to terminate the proceedings upon approval?
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: By OAL.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: By the Office of
- 17 Administrative Law?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right. And I would expect
- 19 that this will probably come to you through the
- 20 administrative officer. Following that, the staff will
- 21 inform him that OAL has taken the action. And I'll ask
- 22 the Executive Officer to submit to you a request to
- 23 terminate this docket, and say God Speed and close it up.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: We will take another vote and
- 25 terminate it.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, there will be another

- 2 vote. It has to terminate the docket.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: This is a motion to adopt
- 4 then, that's what will be -- we'll leave the other part
- 5 out.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Then this vote, Mr.
- 7 Chamberlain, can I do that, then this vote will constitute
- 8 the intention to close the docket.
- 9 GENERAL COUNSEL CHAMBERLAIN: I think you can do
- 10 that today.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Let me amend my language,
- 12 Mr. Chairman, and simply say it is my intention that this
- 13 motion will terminate this docket as well at the
- 14 successful culmination of the OAL actions.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Okay.
- I'm sure you'll figure that out. We have a
- 17 motion in front of us very clearly defined. We have a
- 18 second by Commissioner Pernell.
- 19 All in favor?
- 20 (Ayes.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 22 Adopted four to nothing.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Item 10, Alliance to Save
- 25 Energy. Possible approval of Contract 400-01-025 for

1 \$30,000 to fund a Green Schools Local Project Leader in

- 2 the Sacramento area.
- 3 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, as you know,
- 4 we have been working with school districts throughout the
- 5 State on efficiency in their facilities. And this is just
- 6 another example of that. However, I'll have Elizabeth
- 7 brief the Board on the item.
- 8 MS. SHIRAKH: Thank you. My name is Elizabeth
- 9 Shirakh. And today for your consideration, I have a
- 10 proposed contract for \$30,000 with the Alliance to Save
- 11 Energy to help fund a Green Schools project in four
- 12 Sacramento school districts.
- 13 This contract will provide a local project leader
- 14 position to be funded over 12 months to support the Green
- 15 Schools project in Sacramento.
- This \$30,000 contract is funded by the U.S.
- 17 Department of Energy's 2001 Rebuild AMERICA Special
- 18 Projects grant. Last year the Energy Commission was
- 19 awarded a \$200,000 Rebuild America grant. This successful
- 20 grant proposal specifically identified the activities to
- 21 be performed by this contract and will also identify the
- 22 federal funding.
- 23 The State Consumer Services Agency through its
- 24 classroom outreach program is providing \$500,000 to
- 25 establish a Green Schools program in three regions of

1 California. The Sacramento area, Los Angeles county and

- 2 the San Francisco bay area.
- 3 This contract will leverage this funding and
- 4 provide the local project leader to work with teachers,
- 5 schools and students in Sacramento. The goal of Green
- 6 Schools Sacramento program is two fold.
- 7 One, to reduce energy costs in school, and second
- 8 to educate students and their families about energy and
- 9 the link between energy efficiency, the environment and
- 10 finances.
- 11 The Green Schools will be working with four local
- 12 districts Sacramento City, Folsom-Cordova, San Juan and
- 13 Elk Grove Unified School Districts. Each of these four
- 14 districts is currently participating in the resource
- 15 conservation manager program funded through the Sacramento
- 16 Municipal Utility District and supported by the California
- 17 Energy Commission through its DOE Rebuild America grant.
- 18 The Green Schools programs helps promote energy
- 19 efficiency through building retrofits, changes in
- 20 operation and maintenance routines and changes in behavior
- 21 of building users. Students are actively involved in the
- 22 efficiency activities from energy patrols to in-depth
- 23 school audits.
- 24 Classroom activities include instruction, energy
- 25 saving activities and involvement from others of the

- 1 school and broader community.
- The Green Schools instructional materials are
- 3 linked to the California Department of Education standards
- 4 of learning and science so they'll be easy for teachers to
- 5 use in order to strengthen student academic learning.
- 6 This unique program allows students, teachers
- 7 custodians, administrators and the community partners to
- 8 all work together for a common goal to save energy and
- 9 money.
- 10 This item was heard at the Efficiency Committee
- 11 on December 4th and this concludes my presentation. I'd
- 12 be happy to answer any questions.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you very much. I'm
- 14 going to point out at this time having noticed what this
- 15 item is that I am going to recuse myself on this issue.
- 16 It's probably not a necessary action, but I happen to be
- 17 on the Board of Directors of the Alliance to Save Energy,
- 18 which is a nonprofit organization.
- 19 I was not aware of this issue until you brought
- 20 it up. I have not participated in this. I will recuse
- 21 myself from acting on this.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Commissioner Pernell.
- 24 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, it actually
- 25 gives me great pleasure to move this item, given the

1 leverage of funds from, you know, \$30,000 to \$500,000 on

- 2 the other side. So I would move staff recommendations to
- 3 approve a contract with the Alliance to Save Energy.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: We have a motion by
- 5 Commissioner Pernell.
- 6 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Second by Commission
- 8 Rosenfeld.
- 9 Any other comments?
- 10 Any public comment?
- 11 All in favor?
- 12 (Ayes.)
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 14 Adopted three to nothing, and I'm abstaining.
- MS. SHIRAKH: Thank you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Elizabeth. That
- 18 item has passed.
- 19 Item 11, we have Committee Recommendations.
- 20 Possible consideration of the Electricity and Natural Gas
- 21 Committee's recommendations regarding the petition by
- 22 Calpine Siskiyou Geothermal Partners and California Energy
- 23 General Corporation to extend the funding awards for the
- 24 Fourmile Hill and Telephone Flat geothermal projects
- 25 pursuant to PUC Code 383.5(c)(2)(B) the Renewables

- 1 Guidelines and notice of auction 500-97-506.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Just one moment. I do not
- 4 have an indications that there's anybody in the audience
- 5 who cares to speak to this. I do have an indication that
- 6 we have two speakers by telephone who would like to speak
- 7 to this issue.
- 8 Commissioner Moore.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 This is another one of those items that has proved to be
- 11 somewhat controversial and which we've taken great care to
- 12 try and understand all sides of the story.
- 13 Basically, what I would like to do in the way of
- 14 introducing this is to say that this award consideration
- 15 or the extension of the award consideration falls within
- 16 the jurisdiction of the Commission under our existing
- 17 renewable guidelines of which you have had many
- 18 opportunities to vote on changes as well as approvals for
- 19 different projects in the last four years.
- 20 Mr. Masri will outline some of the history of the
- 21 project itself. But suffice it to say that changing
- 22 market conditions and the change in ownership have made
- 23 this project more complicated than it might have been at
- 24 its inception, and also have made it, over the course of
- 25 time, more vulnerable to public scrutiny and to public

1 concerns in the area so that people are perhaps more aware

- 2 of it than they might have been of other projects.
- 3 And as a consequence, we've availed ourselves of
- 4 the rules and the guidelines which allow us to take public
- 5 comment, in this case extensive public comment, to try and
- 6 make sure that the public is involved at every step of the
- 7 process.
- 8 And, of course, to remind the Commission that if
- 9 the Committee recommendation is adopted, money from the
- 10 accounts does not flow to any project for which we have
- 11 made an award, until a project is actually built and
- 12 begins to generate electricity.
- 13 So I need to make sure that the public at large
- 14 understands that this program is provisional. It relies
- 15 on performance before public money is utilized. We, in
- 16 turn, rely on local government for the approval, the
- 17 actual construction approvals, and to the federal
- 18 government for permission to use and build on public
- 19 lands.
- 20 So we don't enter those decisions. What we do is
- 21 to enter the decision at the realm of determining whether
- 22 this project meets the guidelines, is appropriate for the
- 23 renewable energy world, and, in fact, can meet the
- 24 milestones that are set up to try and make sure that
- 25 projects actually get built in a timely manner.

1 And with your indulgence, I'd like to ask Mr.

- 2 Masri to outline the project itself. And I know that
- 3 there are a couple of people who spoke to us already at
- 4 one of the workshops that we have -- I'm sorry, at the
- 5 hearing that we conducted, and would probably like to
- 6 offer their comments on the Committee recommendation.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Mr. Masri.
- 8 MR. MASRI: Thank you, Commissioner Moore. My
- 9 name is Marwan Masri of the California Energy Commission.
- 10 I will be very brief about what this proceeding really is
- 11 about, as far as details about the project themselves.
- 12 And the Calpine representatives are here, and maybe they
- 13 can add to that. This is a very focused proceeding.
- 14 These two projects are winners of our first
- 15 auction that was conducted in 1998 for this Renewables
- 16 Program. And projects winning awards, conditional awards,
- 17 in that auction, conditional meaning they have come on
- 18 line before they actually receive money, had come on line
- 19 by of the end of 2001 or the beginning of 2002.
- 20 Otherwise, the awards -- the condition could
- 21 reduce or terminate the awards for these projects.
- 22 Subsequent to that, AB 995 and SB 1194 included language
- 23 that allowed the Commission the option if it finds that
- 24 there were circumstances beyond the developer's control to
- 25 extend the on-line day, provided that it does not go

- 1 beyond January 1st, 2007.
- 2 So what's before you here today is a very focused
- 3 action. First, the Committee held the hearing to
- 4 determine whether, in fact, there were circumstances
- 5 beyond the control of the developer of these two projects
- 6 to prevent them from coming on line by a week ago or so.
- 7 And second, how long should the extension be
- 8 between now and 2007.
- 9 And third, should the award for these projects be
- 10 reduced or remain in tact. The Committee held the hearing
- 11 on December 7th to hear from parties on both sides of the
- 12 issue, and considered very carefully the record developed
- 13 in that hearing and the testimony submitted. And it is
- 14 recommending to you today, based on that, that first the
- 15 Committee finds that, in fact, there are -- there have
- 16 been circumstances beyond the control of the developer
- 17 that prevent them from coming on line before the end of
- 18 2001, and that that is really incontrovertible. There is
- 19 no controversy about that one issue.
- 20 And second, that the extension of the deadline
- 21 for coming on line be extended by 41 months, I believe, to
- 22 June 1st, 2005. And prior to that, however -- this is a
- 23 balancing act. We want these projects to come on line to
- 24 contribute to the California energy supply in a clean
- 25 manner. These are renewable projects, and at the same

1 time, we don't want to tie up the funds for too long in

- 2 case other projects could use that money to move forward.
- 3 And so in balancing those actually, what the
- 4 Committee is recommending is the applicant here must
- 5 demonstrate that they have resolved all issues, data or
- 6 otherwise, associated with these projects by June 2003,
- 7 and begin construction on that date and come on line by
- 8 June 2005.
- 9 And if those concerns are fulfilled, then the
- 10 award, which is like any other projects with these
- 11 auctions, it's really for the first five years of the
- 12 generation, they would get paid the incentive they bid in
- 13 the auction.
- 14 So in summary, the Committee is recommending that
- 15 you find that there were circumstance beyond the control
- 16 of the developer and that the extension be done to 2005
- 17 and June 2003 milestone by which they must resolve all the
- 18 issues and that the award be extended as is without
- 19 reducing it.
- 20 So that's the summary of what the article is
- 21 before you.
- 22 I'd be happy to answer any questions.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you for a very clear
- 24 explanation. We have Calpine here, and I also have Peggy
- 25 Risch who is on the phone from Calpine, I believe. Did

- 1 you wish to make any comments at this time?
- 2 MS. HAUG: Yes. Lynn Haug representing Calpine
- 3 and with me is Jack Pigott the project manager from
- 4 Calpine.
- 5 We'll be very brief. We appreciate the
- 6 Committee's effort to identify the proper scope of this
- 7 proceeding, and it has again been articulated. This
- 8 morning Calpine has asked under section 383.5(c)(2)(B) of
- 9 the Public Utilities Code that this Commission find that
- 10 the Fourmile Hill Telephone Flat geothermal projects were
- 11 unable to come on line by January 1st, 2002 due to
- 12 circumstances beyond the control of the developers.
- 13 We support the Committee decisions findings and
- 14 we feel that there's no serious dispute that the projects
- 15 have been delayed as a result of administrative actions
- 16 that were beyond Calpine's control.
- 17 With the minor change in dates that was
- 18 recommended in our comments on the Committee's
- 19 recommendation, we believe that the construction and
- 20 operational deadlines recommended by the Committee are
- 21 reasonable. In Calpine's comments, we did suggest a minor
- 22 change to the proposed decision for the purpose of
- 23 assisting in the sequencing of construction activities at
- 24 the two sites, which will better enable Calpine to
- 25 minimize the impacts in the area and to act efficiently in

- 1 planing the construction.
- 2 Finally, we've reviewed the comments filed by
- 3 interested parties in the response to the Committee's
- 4 decision. The comments for the most part raised issues
- 5 that were raised at the hearing itself. Those issues are
- 6 beyond the scope of this proceeding. They address the
- 7 underlying environmental issues that have been litigated
- 8 in other forums.
- 9 And so with that, we would say once again that we
- 10 appreciate the Committee's recommendation and support the
- 11 minor change we've recommended.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 13 Is Ms. Risch then standing by or does she wish --
- MS. HAUG: She's not with Calpine.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: I'm sorry.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: She's a local resident.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: My notes are incorrect. We
- 18 will then go to Michelle Berdischevsky of the Native
- 19 Coalition.
- Ms. Berdischevsky.
- MS. BERDISCHEVSKY: Hello, can you hear me?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Yes, we can.
- MS. BERDISCHEVSKY: Oh, good. May I begin?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Yes, you may.
- 25 MS. BERDISCHEVSKY: Well, I want to thank you for

1 this opportunity to present the serious concerns of the

- 2 Native Coalition for Lake Highlands Defense. The
- 3 Coalition is a coalition in the area of the project and
- 4 represents the Pit River Tribe and cultural and spiritual
- 5 leaders in other tribes as well, including the Shasta
- 6 Tribe, Modoc Tribe, Winter Tribe.
- 7 And I want to point out to the Commissioners that
- 8 the Committee in its recommendations, has failed to
- 9 consider the Native Coalition's comments that were made at
- 10 the previous hearing, and basically described these as
- 11 irrelevant, which was quite insulting, especially since
- 12 some of the points the Native Coalition made were the
- 13 same -- similar, I should say, in substance as points made
- 14 by one of the environmental groups.
- 15 And so we feel that this is a prejudicial
- 16 determination by the Committee to disregard Native
- 17 American input in this case.
- 18 So the Commissioners should be aware that the
- 19 Native American comments are not included in the
- 20 recommendations made by the Committee, that they did not
- 21 reply to those comments.
- 22 So we'd like to ask the Commissioners to read the
- 23 comments that we made to the Committee as well as the
- 24 comments that we're making today to you as the
- 25 Commissioners.

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I want to point out three key points for the
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- 2 Commissioners' consideration in making your decision. The
- 3 first is that the area in which the Fourmile Hill and the
- 4 Telephone Flat project are located are either within a
- 5 national registered traditional cultural district of great
- 6 importance to Native American tribes in the area or the
- 7 project as indicated at the Fourmile Hill project is in an
- 8 area that was determined by the keeper of the National
- 9 Register to need additional study to be considered for
- 10 inclusion.
- 11 So the information for the Fourmile Hill project
- 12 is not complete and the additional study needs to be done
- 13 to see if that area is eligible for inclusion in the
- 14 National Register as a traditional cultural property.
- 15 The second point I would like to make is that the
- 16 Fourmile Hill project is being held up due to causes well
- 17 within Calpine's grant, since Calpine knew all along that
- 18 Native American's spiritual and cultural values and uses
- 19 have been a major land use for over 10,000 years.
- 20 Native American issues have been down played by
- 21 Calpine. And we believe that they were misrepresented to
- 22 the Commission from the beginning. And therefore, Calpine
- 23 could have prevented the situation more realistically to
- 24 the Commissioners at the time the award was made.
- 25 And thereby, the Commissioners would have seen

1 that it was unrealistic to expect the project to come on

- 2 line by January 2002.
- 3 The Native Coalition, the Pit River Tribe, the
- 4 elders of the other tribes have all along been saying that
- 5 they do not want developments in the Lake Highlands. And
- 6 this was not taken seriously, and the Committee's
- 7 comments, the Committee's recommendation just continued
- 8 that trend, that misperception by calling the problem a
- 9 perceived problem rather than a real problem. And we
- 10 guarantee to the Commissioners that this is a real
- 11 problem.
- 12 The third point I wanted to make is that the
- 13 Telephone Flat project is actually in a very different
- 14 category than the Fourmile Hill project. The Committee's
- 15 recommendation stated both projects are being held up by
- 16 appeals and legal challenges.
- 17 This is not true for the Telephone Flat project.
- 18 The Telephone Flat project was denied by the lead
- 19 agencies, the Forest Service and BLM in a final agency
- 20 decision. The project was denied. The Record Of Decision
- 21 says no project, no action.
- 22 And so therefore the agencies on which the
- 23 Commission relies for environmental review and for
- 24 permission to use the land, these agencies have said no,
- 25 this project may not proceed. And the reasons given are

1 because the project is in a major cultural area and also

- 2 an area of very significant recreational importance.
- 3 So the Telephone Flat project we really don't see
- 4 how a consideration of these subsidies can even be
- 5 justified for this project, because it is a terminated
- 6 project. Right now, as it stands, the agencies have said
- 7 no, and that Cal Energy did not challenge this. And so
- 8 the project is a terminated project.
- 9 I also want to point out in closing remarks that
- 10 neither of these projects will significantly benefit
- 11 California, because the contract has been purchased, the
- 12 power contract, has been purchased by Bonneville or has
- 13 been promised to be purchased by Bonneville Power
- 14 Administration, which serves northwestern states and also
- 15 very minimally serves California.
- 16 And so these projects are not appropriate to be
- 17 subsidized by California rate payer subsidies, because
- 18 they will not benefit California.
- 19 And finally, I'd like to say that since
- 20 California's gain from either of these projects would be
- 21 minimal at best, and since the Commission's guidelines
- 22 state that the project should be beneficial to the human
- 23 and natural environment, the agency decision has
- 24 determined with the Telephone Flat project that it would
- 25 not be beneficial, the human and natural environment, the

1 Fourmile Hill project is being held up and is under a

- 2 stay, because the Interior Board of Land Appeals has
- 3 determined that there are Merits to this appeal.
- 4 We just want to seriously let the Commission know
- 5 that these projects are not beneficial. They're not
- 6 beneficial to the human environment, certainly not to the
- 7 Native American human environment. And Native Americans
- 8 do qualify as humans, it has been determined.
- 9 And it would not benefit the natural environment,
- 10 because we have seen that these projects are not clean
- 11 projects, not in the pristine areas such as the Lake
- 12 Highlands. The emissions, the water impacts, the impacts
- 13 on plants and animals are not benign and there would be
- 14 serious impacts to the value that Native Americans
- 15 consider important in that area.
- 16 And particularly, the value of silence and beauty
- 17 and unobstructed views and all of these, really go
- 18 against -- the determinations really go against the
- 19 Commission's guidelines of a project that is beneficial to
- 20 the human and natural environment. And this should be a
- 21 consideration of the Commissioners since it's in your
- 22 quidelines.
- 23 So we ask you to please seriously consider these
- 24 concerns of the Native American community of the area.
- 25 And thank you. And if you have any questions, I'd be glad

- 1 to answer any questions.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Ms. Berdischevsky.
- 3 We'll see if we have any questions.
- 4 As Commissioner Moore pointed out in his opening
- 5 statement on this issue, the finding by the Commission was
- 6 not that the issues you have raised are irrelevant. They
- 7 are extremely relevant in the forums which you have
- 8 detailed that are dealing with those issues.
- 9 They would impact the Energy Commission were we
- 10 siting this proposed project. But in the forum in which
- 11 we're dealing where it is funding of a project that others
- 12 who would face your issues would decide that despite the
- 13 issues you've raised, the project should go forward and be
- 14 approved.
- 15 To that extent, they enter their relevance of
- 16 that forum, but not relevant in ours. It's not a
- 17 determination on our part that these issues are
- 18 irrelevant.
- 19 Commissioner Moore, did you wish to add anything?
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Well, are there other people
- 21 who would like to speak?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: We have Peggy Risch.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Let me just hold my remarks.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Ms. Berdischevsky.
- Ms. Risch.

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1 MS. RISCH: My name is Peggy Risch and I
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- 2 represent the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center.
- 3 And I, too, appreciate the efforts that have been made by
- 4 the California Energy Commission to allow this
- 5 participation via telephone conference.
- 6 What I'd like to first do is clarify that there
- 7 is controversy and there is dispute for both of these
- 8 projects in why they failed to meet their on-line dates.
- 9 So I just want to make sure that that is not
- 10 accepted by all parties commenting that these projects
- 11 were delayed because of circumstances beyond their
- 12 control.
- 13 Now, both projects, both of them, the Committee
- 14 acknowledged that there was evidence that those projects
- 15 had unrealistic schedules. Now, that comment by the
- 16 Committee found on page 11 and page eight of their
- 17 recommendations, now this is a really crucial point,
- 18 because as Mr. Masri pointed out, in order for those
- 19 projects to be considered for those awards, they had to
- 20 State that they would be on line by December 31st, 2001 in
- 21 order to apply for that award. And they had to outline in
- 22 their milestones how they would achieve that goal.
- 23 So there is evidence that shows both projects do
- 24 have unrealistic schedules, and therefore there is
- 25 evidence that demonstrates that there were circumstances

1 that were well within the control of both developers in

- 2 outlying their schedules and determining whether they were
- 3 going to meet those milestones or not.
- 4 This is a very important point. There is
- 5 controversy. There is dispute on whether they meet the
- 6 criteria for actually being considered to extend those
- 7 conditional awards or not.
- Now, when it comes to the Fourmile Hill project,
- 9 I'll break this down into the different projects, the
- 10 Committee also acknowledged that there was evidence, some
- 11 evidence, that the developer did have control over delays
- 12 in the project in terms of hesitating to utilize last
- 13 year, the year 2001, for their exploration projects.
- 14 Now, the Committee makes that determination, yes
- 15 there is some evidence there that shows that they did have
- 16 within their reach circumstances that were well within
- 17 their control that they participated in delaying that
- 18 project, so this exists.
- 19 When it comes to the Telephone Flat project, we
- 20 again have, as I said before, the Committee acknowledging
- 21 the unrealistic schedule. Also, there is sufficient
- 22 substantial evidence that shows clearly at a certain point
- 23 in the process that Cal Energy, when they held the leases
- 24 to that project, that they made a clear decision not to
- 25 pursue the project because of a final agency

1 determination, the ones you have to rely on, the Forest

- 2 Service and the BLM, their final determination in denying
- 3 the project.
- 4 Now, this is substantiated in documents that were
- 5 made on September 29th, where they basically say that
- 6 based on the final and effective action by both the BLM
- 7 and the Forest Service denying the Telephone Flat project,
- 8 Cal Energy has moved to dismiss its appeal to the IBLA of
- 9 the Telephone Flat Record Of Decision.
- 10 On October 2000, Cal Energy actually made their
- 11 motion to the IBLA to dismiss that project stating further
- 12 pursuit of the IBLA appeal is futile, and that we are
- 13 powerless to require change in the final U.S. Forest
- 14 Service decision.
- 15 And as recently as February 2001, Cal Energy
- 16 states, since the Forest Service appealed the decision,
- 17 Cal Energy has no remaining expectations that
- 18 authorization is necessary, that the Telephone Flat
- 19 project will be granted by the BLM or the Forest Service.
- 20 Clearly, these statements by Cal Energy, as early
- 21 as September 29th, 2000 demonstrates that they had no
- 22 intention of pursuing development of a project because of
- 23 that final agency determination. That means that a year
- 24 has passed, a year has passed where no action has been
- 25 made by Cal Energy in moving those projects forward, no

1 action other than filing a taking claim against the United

- 2 States Government.
- 3 Clearly, through those statements and those
- 4 actions on that Telephone Flat project, they do not meet
- 5 the criteria that there was circumstances beyond their
- 6 control. They made a clear choice with that Record Of
- 7 Decision not to pursue the project.
- Now, granted, October 2001 comes around, Cal
- 9 Energy has sold their lease to Calpine. Calpine is very
- 10 interested in pursuing a Telephone Flat project. However,
- 11 the Committee must take into consideration that there were
- 12 circumstances that were well within the developer's
- 13 control on that project that did delay it. And therefore,
- 14 they don't meet the criteria that would allow the
- 15 Committee to extend those awards.
- 16 I would just like to remind the Committee that,
- 17 you know, we understand the importance of renewable energy
- 18 and we feel that basically both of these projects have not
- 19 met Milestone 3. Three years later after that conditional
- 20 award was accepted in 1999, three years, neither project
- 21 has accomplished Milestone 3.
- 22 I would ask that the Committee and the full
- 23 Commission consider substantial evidence that exists that
- 24 demonstrate that both of these projects, and clearly the
- 25 Telephone Flat project in particular, do not meet the

- 1 criteria for extending the award.
- 2 And that I would ask you to look at that
- 3 extension that has been granted, that 41-month extension
- 4 in determining whether, you know, that a most appropriate
- 5 use of monies. And if you have any questions, I would be
- 6 willing to take up those questions.
- 7 I know that the Committee is clearly
- 8 contemplating these issues that we have raised in our
- 9 comments on the recommendations, and that clearly the
- 10 Committee states that on page 14 of its recommendations
- 11 that basically developers who have no intention of
- 12 developing the project should basically not be considered
- 13 in tying up the funds. And clearly the Telephone Flat
- 14 project has no intention of pursuing that project once
- 15 they made that decision, once that decision was made by
- 16 the lead agency, and they filed those statements of
- 17 reasons, September 29th, 2000, October 2001 and February
- 18 21st 2001. Clearly, they had no intention to pursue that
- 19 project.
- 20 Thank you very much for your attention.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Ms. Risch. You
- 22 raise questions that I'm sure -- we are the Commission who
- 23 is taking this up now. You raise issues that undoubtedly
- 24 were before the Committee. I will ask Commissioner Moore
- 25 to comment.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is

- 2 there anyone else who is intending to comment?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: I don't believe so.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: All right.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: I'm sorry, we did receive a
- 6 communication this morning, the Public Adviser did. Would
- 7 you like to hear that?
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Sure.
- 9 PUBLIC ADVISER MENDONCA: Very briefly. This
- 10 morning my office received a two-page filing from
- 11 Californians for Renewable Energy. The filing is titled
- 12 demand that the Energy Commission terminate discriminatory
- 13 practices.
- 14 And by way of summary, CARE's position is that
- 15 continuing to expend public funds and extending the
- 16 on-line deadline is discriminatory against low-income
- 17 native peoples and peoples of color.
- 18 My understanding is that he filed this or a
- 19 letter similar to this on December the 5th and it was
- 20 before the Committee. However, there is an additional
- 21 paragraph in this filing stating that he believes that he
- 22 has grounds to file, and perhaps would be filing, because
- 23 of the expenditure of Energy Commission funds, a Section
- 24 5726(a) Code of Civil Procedure taxpayer lawsuit.
- 25 Thank you.

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1 The filer was Michael Boyd.
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- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 3 Mr. Chairman, thank you. I think probably I'd
- 4 like to start with the response to some of the public
- 5 comments that we've had. And to say that I have now
- 6 almost 18 years in one form of elected or appointed office
- 7 or another, where I conduct or am responsible for the
- 8 conducting of public business, and I want to say for my
- 9 colleagues and for the public how seriously I take that
- 10 charge, and that the issue of people's rights, native
- 11 peoples' rights, my rights, the rights of the staff or
- 12 anyone else who has an interest in the land or an interest
- 13 in public policy are respected and, in fact, treasured by
- 14 anyone of us who hold this kind of an office. It's a
- 15 duty, but it's also a responsibility that I think we take
- 16 on very ably and without hesitation.
- 17 So I think I'm sensitive to the idea that we
- 18 might not have conducted an open public forum, and I want
- 19 to assure you that we did. I'd like to assure the public
- 20 that any deliberation of the Commissioner's acting in
- 21 committee is recorded, that every word that we say is done
- 22 in public and is made available to every other
- 23 commissioner.
- 24 So any opinions that were expressed are available
- 25 to every other commissioner. And hopefully the synthesis

- 1 of that is reflected in our committee recommendation.
- 2 And the fact that the Committee recommendation
- 3 doesn't always come down on the side of one party or
- 4 another, frankly is simply a reflection of the way the
- 5 process works. You don't pay us to make ambivalent or
- 6 contradictory decisions. You pay us to make a decision.
- 7 And, in fact, that is what is before you is the
- 8 recommendation for a decision. And there may be parties
- 9 who feel aggrieved at the end of it. I hope that as time
- 10 passes you see that we've done the best in the overall
- 11 public policy arena that we possibly could.
- 12 That goes to the issue of the BPA purchase. I'm
- 13 aware that one of the ways that this power gets out into
- 14 the grid is through the BPA lines. And frankly, given
- 15 what's happened the last two years and the relationship of
- 16 the California grid to waking up and finding out that we
- 17 are actually apart of a bigger region seems to me is very
- 18 important, a very salient point with all of this.
- 19 With hydro supplies at all time lows before and
- 20 the summer crisis that we faced, it was almost impossible
- 21 for BPA to get all the power they needed to be able to
- 22 back-stop us. A project like this would have made a
- 23 considerable difference. A project like this where they
- 24 can be developed safely, and of course that is a question
- 25 that is not, absolutely not, before you today, because, as

- 1 the Chairman points out, we're not siting this.
- 2 What we're doing is indicating that if this meets
- 3 all the tests to the other agencies, to the other
- 4 responsible agencies, that, in fact, it's the kind of
- 5 project that we would like to fund. Base load power is
- 6 something that California and the region are going to need
- 7 in the future, desperately need. And I think that a
- 8 project like this in the end is going to contribute more
- 9 than it detracts. And I do depend on those other agencies
- 10 to make sure that the environmental criteria are followed
- 11 and that damage is minimized or eliminated and all of us
- 12 depend on that, in fact, in our own decision making.
- 13 As far as expending public funds, we haven't
- 14 expended any public funds. And until such project is on
- 15 line and generating power, no funds would flow from this
- 16 agency to anyone else.
- 17 So if the man who sent that letter to me
- 18 originally and has now sent it back to the Public Adviser
- 19 wants to file that kind of lawsuit, you know what my
- 20 action is, draw when you're ready. If that's the kind of
- 21 attitude that flies in the public arena they want to have
- 22 toward the open public process that we run to try and make
- 23 sure that this process operates seamlessly and represents
- 24 the broadest public interest, well, then you know what,
- 25 draw when you're ready. And I predict an absolute loss on

1 that side. That's the most irresponsible kind of threat

- 2 to issue to a public official that I've heard in a long
- 3 time.
- 4 As far as our proceedings go, we have to take the
- 5 evidence that we hear and decide whether or not it's
- 6 credible. And in this case through the extensive hearing
- 7 process, I'll tell you that what we heard suggests that
- 8 the delays were beyond the control of the parties under
- 9 the guidelines in which we operate. And that, in fact,
- 10 the delays can be overcome, given the evidence that we
- 11 have.
- 12 So we have offered a timetable that gives us a
- 13 review process. And by the way, if you look at the
- 14 Committee recommendation, you'll see that we've suggested
- 15 that there is a quideline that is pretty strict and has to
- 16 be met or the process becomes suspended. And you will
- 17 automatically see the process enacted and see the
- 18 applicants, should they fail to get the approvals in that
- 19 amount of time in that suspension, back here before the
- 20 Commission explaining what happened, and either asking you
- 21 to continue it or asking you to eliminate the award. So
- 22 they are bound by that language.
- 23 Mr. Chairman, I'm going to offer you a motion in
- 24 just one minute. But before I do, I need to ask my
- 25 counsel a question. Mr. Herrera, can you help me with one

1 thing. And that is, it was my intention that if these two

- 2 projects continue under the same ownership, that is they
- 3 were both owned by the same company, which would then be
- 4 in control of the construction activities for both
- 5 projects, that we would find a way to minimize the impacts
- 6 on the local workforce, the impacts on the local economy
- 7 and the environment as well, as both the phone speakers
- 8 indicated.
- 9 And as a consequence, the dates that we had
- 10 suggested anticipated that we would have three sequential
- 11 construction periods in which to fully complete all of
- 12 this.
- 13 STAFF COUNSEL HERRERA: When these projects were
- 14 initially proposed, the were proposed by separate
- 15 entities. Calpine Corporation then bought out one of the
- 16 entities that is developing the Telephone Flat project.
- 17 So now it's one entity essentially that is developing both
- 18 projects. Whether it's appropriate for the Commission,
- 19 the Committee to consider the impacts on the local
- 20 economy, I think it is.
- 21 For example, if the Committee wants or the
- 22 Commission wants to entertain Calpine's request to extend
- 23 the term of the extension from June 2005 to December 31st
- 24 2005, as they suggested in their comments, then I think
- 25 that would be appropriate, based on the impacts to the

1 local government. Although, again, the Commission is not

- 2 bound to do so.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I understand. Thank you.
- 4 Mr. Chairman, I'm going to amend -- in making a
- 5 motion, I'm going to amend the recommendation to you and
- 6 accept the amendment suggested by Calpine to go to
- 7 December 31st. And I'll simply say in accepting that or
- 8 recommending that, it was my intention to stay within the
- 9 two-year boundary, but do so in a calendar two years that
- 10 anticipated three full construction seasons, because
- 11 clearly, as was pointed out to us in the -- in fact,
- 12 that's one of the reasons why we couldn't get the public
- 13 to come in till the last hearing, because they literally
- 14 had so much snow that they couldn't get out.
- 15 So we're well aware of some of the construction
- 16 exigency. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I offer you the
- 17 Committee recommendation amended to extend the time from
- 18 June 1, 2005 to December 21, 2005, and point out to you
- 19 that if these milestones are not met, you Commissioners
- 20 will have this project back in front of you under other
- 21 circumstances in which you'll have to examine whether or
- 22 not any further changes would be appropriate.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner Moore.
- 24 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Second, Mr. Chairman.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Second by Commissioner

- 1 Pernell.
- 2 Commissioner Pernell.
- 3 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: A clarification question
- 4 just for those who are either listening on the Internet or
- 5 not here. As it relates to the construction schedule and
- 6 the geographical area, we're talking about normally a
- 7 construction schedule would run approximately ten months,
- 8 nine or ten months, given the rainy season in the valley.
- 9 But we're talking about a different area which
- 10 has a much shorter construction schedule; is that correct?
- 11 MR. PIGOTT: That is correct. It's on top of a
- 12 mountain in northern California. In the winter time, it
- 13 can get 12 and sometimes 20 feet of snow.
- 14 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Thank you for that
- 15 clarification. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- Do we have any other comments, Commissioners?
- Do we have any other public comment?
- 19 Please identify yourself.
- 20 MS. RISCH: My name is Peggy Risch. I'm a member
- 21 of the Ecology Center. And basically, what I would --
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Ms. Risch, you had your
- 23 comment.
- 24 MS. RISCH: I'm sorry. I thought that would
- 25 include me.

1 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: No, you don't get another

- 2 chance. One bite at the apple.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 All in favor?
- 5 (Ayes.)
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 7 Adopted four to nothing.
- 8 Thank you, everybody.
- 9 Thank you those on the phone for your input.
- 10 MR. PIGOTT: Thank you.
- 11 MS. HAUG: Thank you, Commissioners.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Item 12, Local Jurisdiction
- 13 Loan Account. Possible approval of a loan for \$926,229 to
- 14 the City of Gardena for a comprehensive citywide traffic
- 15 and pedestrian signal retrofit incandescent light upgrade
- 16 across the Board, a broad program. It's estimated to save
- 17 the City about \$141,000 in electricity, and 151 kilowatts
- 18 peak load reduction.
- 19 Good morning.
- MS. ROGERS: Good morning.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Briefly.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: You have to speak right into
- 23 the microphone too.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: You've got to get real close
- 25 to it.

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1 I think we're ready for this one pretty briefly.
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- 2 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, if I may,
- 3 excuse me. By way of introduction, this did come before
- 4 the Efficiency Committee. It passed out. It's a
- 5 continuation of our loan program, as we continue to help
- 6 the municipalities in the State.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Second the motion.
- 8 (Laughter.)
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner
- 10 Pernell, second by Commissioner Moore to approve this.
- 11 Any further comment?
- 12 Any public comment?
- 13 All in support?
- 14 (Ayes.)
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 16 Adopted four to nothing.
- MS. ROGERS: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: That was brilliant work.
- 19 Item 13, San Diego University Foundation is withdrawn from
- 20 the agenda.
- 21 We will now go to Item 21, Energy Conservation
- 22 Assistance Act. Possible approval of loan to Cutten
- 23 Elementary School District, a 600-student district, for
- 24 \$48,000 for the installation of energy efficient lighting
- 25 at the two school sites in the district located outside

- 1 Eureka.
- 2 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Commissioner Pernell.
- 4 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: This item is, again, a
- 5 continuation of our effort to help school districts. And
- 6 I would move the item.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner
- 8 Pernell.
- 9 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Seconded by Commissioner
- 11 Rosenfeld.
- 12 Any public comment?
- 13 All in favor?
- 14 (Ayes.)
- 15 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- Adopted four to nothing.
- 17 Item 22, Grant Program Guidelines. Possible
- 18 approval of the Committee's proposed changes to the solar
- 19 energy distributed generation program guidelines, broadly.
- We have a number of witnesses.
- 21 Please.
- 22 MS. MERRITT: I'm Linda Merritt with the program
- 23 staff, and these are Committee recommended changes to the
- 24 guidelines for the small grant program for Solar Energy
- 25 and Distributed Generation Systems.

1 The initial guidelines were adopted last April.

- 2 These are the first changes and may affect the eligibility
- 3 of certain components and certain systems.
- 4 We are proposing changes to the battery
- 5 components specifications. We're proposing some changes
- 6 to the installation requirements placed on contractors and
- 7 purchasers. We are proposing a cap on the amount of a
- 8 funding award for multi-unit residential systems.
- 9 And generally, we're making some corrections to
- 10 the forms, the instructions and some of the terms within
- 11 these guidelines. We ask for your approval. The
- 12 Committee is asking for your approval.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Approved by the Committee.
- 14 Thank you. Why don't you stay there. We'll see
- 15 if we have any questions.
- Any comments up here, first?
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No. Only one very brief
- 18 one, Mr. Chairman. And that is to say that this program
- 19 may not get funded in the future given the budget cuts.
- 20 And so, in a sense, we may be seeing the good work that
- 21 has happened come to an end. But it was a struggle to get
- 22 it up and running in the first year. I think the
- 23 revisions are going to make it more target friendly, as it
- 24 were, to the outside world and hopefully we'll see a
- 25 change that comes about from this.

1 And Commissioner Rosenfeld and I have talked

- 2 about this as late as yesterday. And I believe that he is
- 3 on the right track to use this as a key way into
- 4 understanding what some of the other possible efficiency
- 5 measures are. And I give you just one of them, and that's
- 6 the idea of pool covers, where we start to think about the
- 7 issue of thermal heating for pools, which represents
- 8 tremendous cost savings in tandem with other efficiency
- 9 measures.
- 10 And it seems to me that this program, the
- 11 successful implementation of this program will lead us
- 12 into areas that were not anticipated before, and I believe
- 13 that under his leadership in the years to come you're
- 14 going to find out that this is simply the opening into a
- 15 much bigger target and, in fact, is going to tie in some
- 16 renewable technologies and some efficiency technologies
- 17 that will generate tremendous public benefits.
- So I believe the real gains from this program are
- 19 simply not going to be apparent by the fact that we've
- 20 funded X number of systems or we've got Y number of
- 21 residential customers or we've now been able to expand out
- 22 into a set number of commercial facilities.
- 23 The real benefits are yet to come. And I ask you
- 24 to keep this in mind as Commissioner Rosenfeld starts to
- 25 reveal some of his other ideas in the years to come. This

1 is an exciting one, and other people in the public may

- 2 want to comment on that.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Yes. We have two comments.
- 4 Tom Treacy.
- 5 Mr. Treacv.
- 6 MR. TREACY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
- 7 Commissioners. My name is Tom Treacy. I'm one of the
- 8 principals of Celerity Power Services. We're located in
- 9 West Sacramento and we're engaged in the business of
- 10 engineering, selling and installing emergency power backup
- 11 systems, DC power systems.
- 12 And specifically, I'd like to just voice two
- 13 concerns of the proposed changes to the grant program
- 14 guidelines. Number one is you're dropping the ISO
- 15 requirement for the manufacturers. And number two, you're
- 16 lowering the cycling requirement of the batteries.
- 17 It's our belief as a representative of a battery
- 18 manufacturer that you set the bar high originally in
- 19 California, as you should have. And we'd like to see it
- 20 stay that way. We'd like to see the manufacturers come up
- 21 to the bat -- come up to the plate prepared to hit a ball
- 22 for California consumers.
- 23 And we think that if you lowered this bar, you
- 24 open the door, you dilute the process so that the consumer
- 25 may be purchasing batteries that are not designed for the

- 1 application.
- 2 I'd like to draw an analogy that if you drove
- 3 your car here today, you probably drove a traditional
- 4 vehicle with a battery under the hood and you gave it
- 5 little thought. That battery was designed for that
- 6 application and you put it in a place where there's high
- 7 humidity, high heat, a lot of dirt, it lasts five years
- 8 and you don't have any problems with it.
- 9 We'd like to see the same type of possibilities
- 10 for residences in California. What we feel is if you
- 11 lowered these barriers, lowered these bars, that you risk
- 12 giving consumers good products.
- The second comment I'd like to make is that there
- 14 seems to be -- I'd like to see a clarification on the
- 15 guidelines as to the permitting and licensing of
- 16 contractors to install these systems. If they're going to
- 17 be grid-connected systems, I feel an electrical contractor
- 18 should be involved.
- 19 And I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to
- 20 make those comments. If you have any questions for me,
- 21 I'd be happy to answer them.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- Mr. Rob Cary.
- MR. CARY: Thank you, Chairman and Commissioners.
- 25 I want to commend you on entertaining this whole project

1 from the beginning. The idea of the encouraging solar PV

- 2 efforts is something that needs to be done and the State
- 3 of California has led the way. Other states are looking
- 4 towards this program, and other programs like this for
- 5 their programs. Nevada is looking at it and a number of
- 6 other states further east.
- 7 I'm speaking to you as a representative of C&D
- 8 Technologies, which is a manufacturer of batteries. And
- 9 we're encouraged by the fact that you included batteries
- 10 as part of the systems. There's a lot of potential
- 11 benefits for including batteries in PV grid tied systems
- 12 for potential grid -- or peak load shaving, as well as the
- 13 battery backup systems in both residential and commercial
- 14 operations.
- 15 But regarding the proposed changes, one of the
- 16 things that I think is critical to the success of the
- 17 program and the success of solar PV and all applications
- 18 is that the expectations of both the consumer and the body
- 19 such as yours to the performance of the systems once
- 20 installed actually meets those performance standards.
- 21 In other words, too many times what we have seen
- 22 in the solar industry is a situation where we have an
- 23 expectation. We sell an expectation to a consumer or
- 24 customer and then the customer is not given the product or
- 25 the system that matches that expectation.

1 In regards to that, one of the issues that always

- 2 comes up, especially when batteries are involved is the
- 3 selection of the proper battery to meet the proper use of
- 4 that system. And so regarding that and the proposed
- 5 changes, specifically there are some issues that I'm not
- 6 sure it's appropriate now to go over, but one of them --
- 7 or many of these don't really regard or have any relevance
- 8 to the actual performance of a system or the safety of the
- 9 system.
- 10 In particular, the one regarding Underwriters
- 11 Laboratories, there are no -- there's no specification of
- 12 which Underwriter or UL test is to be conducted on the
- 13 batteries and whether that's relevant to the performance
- 14 of these systems.
- 15 Regarding the cycling, you know, it seems to be
- 16 going backwards not forwards in terms of the number of
- 17 cycles.
- 18 Regarding the three-year full warranty, there's
- 19 no definition as to what that really means. In the
- 20 battery industry, in both the UPS world, the backup for
- 21 utility batteries, there is a specified end-of-life
- 22 capacity of the battery in that installation.
- In other words, the battery is designed to
- 24 perform the requirement to a certain period of time. If
- 25 that requirement is not met, then the battery is failed

1 and considered, you know, a failure and it's eligible for

- 2 warranty if it's within that time period.
- 3 In all those cases, that's part of what's
- 4 involved in designing those systems. They design the
- 5 systems larger because batteries, you know, have
- 6 degradation over time. So they design them at 120 percent
- 7 or 125 percent larger so that when the battery's capacity
- 8 reaches 80 percent, they can still carry 100 percent of
- 9 the load that's required by that substation or UPS or
- 10 whatever. There's no specification regarding that in
- 11 these proposed changes.
- 12 So we would be encouraged if there was an
- 13 opportunity for us to be involved in reviewing these or
- 14 helping participate to make these specifications be more
- 15 relevant.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you for your input
- 17 here. My reaction is this sounds like staff or committee
- 18 work that is beyond us dealing with as a Commission at
- 19 this time.
- 20 Commissioner Moore, would you --
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate
- 22 the comments that have been made, and I think what they do
- 23 more than anything else is to amplify the fact that there
- 24 are -- I don't have any questions for you -- is to amplify
- 25 the fact that when the legislation was written, it had a

- 1 lot of flaws in it.
- 2 And one of the flaws was trying to get a proper
- 3 nexus between the ISO standards and what actually could be
- 4 done in the real world. I use the example of battery
- 5 cycling as a point to consider on that, and that is that
- 6 when we implement the first set of guidelines, it didn't
- 7 dawn on us that there wasn't going to be a vibrant enough
- 8 market to utilize out there, that we needed to expand out
- 9 and take more of the battery manufacturers into account.
- 10 So I'll simply say the Chairman is right, this is
- 11 the kind of arena that is best adjudicated by the
- 12 Committee in a series of workshops or public hearings.
- 13 Frankly, I believe that the Committee in the future will
- 14 take on this question in another consideration of
- 15 guideline updates probably late in 2000, as we have more
- 16 evidence of how it's proceeding.
- But you can see the benefits of doing it this way
- 18 is that we're fine tuning and trying to make this more
- 19 responsive even as the money may, in fact, run out. But
- 20 assuming it doesn't, the law is still in effect for five
- 21 years. So you can expect that there will be comments like
- 22 the ones that were made here today and that the Committee
- 23 will work with those folks who do know what they're doing.
- 24 I mean, obviously it's their business to make
- 25 this work, and they'll be invited into a workshop to try

- 1 and fine tune this in the future.
- 2 Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of the Grant
- 3 Program Guidelines changes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner Moore.
- 5 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Second by Commission
- 7 Rosenfeld.
- 8 Any further comments?
- 9 Any additional public comments?
- 10 All in favor?
- 11 (Ayes.)
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 13 Adopted four to nothing.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 And thank you for your input. I urge you to
- 16 communicate with staff.
- 17 Item 23, Title 20, Appliance Regulations.
- 18 Commission consideration and possible approval of
- 19 amendments to the Appliance Regulations, which are found
- 20 in the California Code of Regulations Title 20, Division 2
- 21 Chapter 4.
- 22 MS. HALL: Good morning, Commissioners. I think
- 23 it's good morning. My name is Valerie Hall. I'm the
- 24 manager of the Residential Buildings and Appliances
- 25 Office. And I'd like to give you a brief summary of what

- 1 has been going on and what we are asking for.
- 2 During the first half of the year of 2001, we
- 3 conducted a rule-making to improve appliance efficiency
- 4 regulations. During that process, we received a very
- 5 large number of comments and concerns about those proposed
- 6 regulations.
- 7 As a result, we undertook an extensive
- 8 examination and rewrite of those regulations and
- 9 republished draft language as new 45-day language on
- 10 November 23, 2001.
- 11 In the notice of proposed action that went along
- 12 with that new 45-day language, we indicated that we would
- 13 be conducting a committee hearing on December 17 and an
- 14 adoption hearing possibly on January 9, today.
- 15 Let me go over briefly some pieces of
- 16 information. First of all, the 20 categories of
- 17 appliances covered in the original, and again in the
- 18 current rule-making are, I'll do these very quickly, are
- 19 refrigerators, refrigerator freezers, central
- 20 air-conditioners, spot air-conditioners, gas and oil space
- 21 heaters, water heaters, pool heaters, plumbing fittings,
- 22 plumbing fixtures, florescent lamp ballasts, lamps,
- 23 emergency lighting, traffic signals, luminaires,
- 24 dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, cooking
- 25 products and food service equipment, electric motors and

- 1 distribution transformers.
- 2 The draft regulations for the first rule-making
- 3 and for the current rule-making provide four types of
- 4 improvements. One to improve the efficiency levels of
- 5 certain appliances that are all already covered by the
- 6 regulations. Examples include central air-conditioners,
- 7 for which we'd have to achieve a waiver or an exemption
- 8 from federal preemption in order to enforce; water heaters
- 9 that are smaller than 20 gallons, and thus not covered by
- 10 the federal standards; furnaces that are three phased and
- 11 less than 225,000 BTU input.
- 12 So those are examples of appliances that are
- 13 already covered where we wanted to increase the
- 14 efficiency. Another thing that we were doing with these
- 15 standards are to -- as standards, efficiency standards,
- 16 for appliances that are not yet covered by the
- 17 regulations, examples include commercial refrigeration
- 18 equipment, commercial clothes washers, Torchiere lights,
- 19 traffic signals, and certain distribution transformers.
- Thirdly, we were going to add reporting only
- 21 requirements for fuel appliances, not efficiency levels,
- 22 but just reporting of information, so that we would have
- 23 good information for the future.
- 24 Examples of that include patio heaters and food
- 25 service equipment.

1 The fourth and final category was to provide

- 2 clear directions in the marking and reporting of
- 3 information about standards in the enforcement sections of
- 4 the regulations. For examples, we are now much more
- 5 specific about the actual data that is required to be
- 6 recorded.
- We had a very productive Committee hearing in
- 8 December and received comments on our 45-day language from
- 9 over 20 organizations. While the industry may disagree
- 10 with the Commission over the general philosophy of
- 11 standards and how cost effective any particular proposal
- 12 is, they've been very helpful in pointing out some
- 13 inconsistencies and other items that will make the
- 14 standards hold together better.
- 15 Based on these comments, the Committee and staff
- 16 are developing some modifications. Because today is the
- 17 last day to receive comments on the 45-day language and
- 18 the associated environmental documents, and because we
- 19 have not yet had a chance to go over in a thorough manner
- 20 with the Committee proposed modifications, we're not in a
- 21 position to specifically indicate what those modifications
- 22 would or would not be today.
- But we are requesting that we go forward with
- 24 15-day language and not adopt the regulations today, but
- 25 go forward with 15-day language that would address the

- 1 comments that the over 20 active participants have
- 2 provided to us and issue that 15-day language no later
- 3 than January 22nd, and ask that the full Commission
- 4 consider adoption of the final package on February 6th at
- 5 the business meeting.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I have a
- 7 question for Val. Have you had a conversation with OAL
- 8 then about the regulations? Do they know the status of
- 9 what you're proposing as far as the 15-day language?
- 10 MS. HALL: They do not yet know that we would be
- 11 asking for 15-day language, but that is not -- it should
- 12 not be an issue. This is a normal process in asking for
- 13 15-day language at the point at which you would be
- 14 concluding the 45-day is typical.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Did we do that last time?
- 16 Did we ask for 15-day language at the --
- MS. HALL: Last year, when we were going through
- 18 this process?
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right.
- 20 MS. HALL: We didn't complete that process. The
- 21 number of edits were so substantial that rather than doing
- 22 15-day language at that time we reestablished and went
- 23 with new 45-day language. And OAL is aware of that.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you. So for the people
- 25 I'm going to call, you've heard the suggestion that we're

1 going to take brief comments today, that the language has

- 2 been received by staff and they will be coming out with
- 3 15-day language. With that, I'll ask Mr. Jacoby.
- 4 MR. JACOBY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members
- 5 of the Commission. My name is Bill Jacoby, San Diego
- 6 County Water Authority. I'm the Water Resources Manager
- 7 for the Water Authority.
- 8 You heard from staff that that was not going to
- 9 be acted on today, but I decided to come anyway, because
- 10 I've got a good message for you about one particular part
- 11 of the regulations, and that's commercial clothes washers
- 12 from a 9.5 water factor that's included in the proposed
- 13 regulations.
- 14 So I really want to support that 9.5 water
- 15 factor. It's important on a couple of levels. First,
- 16 that 9.5 works. In San Diego, we've teamed up with San
- 17 Diego Gas and Electric to offer a \$300 per machine
- 18 incentive for folks to buy these machines.
- 19 We've penetrated 13 percent of the market last
- 20 year with our program. So it does work.
- 21 Secondly, the Legislature and the Governor, I
- 22 think, have given you a signal that they want a 9.5 water
- 23 factor standard. I'm sure you're aware of AB 952 by
- 24 Assemblyman Kelly which was sponsored by my organization,
- 25 the Water Authority.

1 That includes a 9.5 water factor standard to

- 2 qualify for an income tax break here in the State of
- 3 California. So that's a clear signal from them that
- 4 that's the way you should go.
- 5 There are winners locally for California
- 6 citizens. First of all, for San Diego, it means less
- 7 imported water and energy we have to bring into San Diego
- 8 County. And that imported water and energy is expensive.
- 9 Second, it's a reduction in energy, water and
- 10 sewer bills for the participants in the program.
- 11 And finally, one of the local vendors -- one of
- 12 the biggest vendors in San Diego reports that 50 percent
- 13 of the machines he sold last year met the 9.5 water
- 14 factor. In fact, in one month alone he sold 200 of the
- 15 machines.
- 16 So it really caught on in San Diego. I think
- 17 that same pattern can happen throughout the State of
- 18 California. So I know today you're not going to act, but
- 19 I really would urge you to include that 9.5 water factor.
- Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Thank you for deciding to
- 23 attend this meeting.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Maryann Dickinson.
- 25 MS. DICKINSON: Hello, Mr. Chairman and members

1 of the Committee. I understand from the E-mail notice

- 2 that was sent around that you were going to be deferring
- 3 your final decision till February 6th.
- 4 But since I could not be here that day, I thought
- 5 I would come today and urge your support and adoption of
- 6 the appliance regulations.
- 7 I, too, am here in support of the commercial
- 8 clothes washer standard. I represent the California Urban
- 9 Water Conservation Council, which is an organization of
- 10 284 water districts and agencies and environmental
- 11 organizations throughout the State of California who are
- 12 very much in support of the 9.5 water factor standard for
- 13 commercial clothes washers, and indeed, would have liked
- 14 to have seen the federal government adopt it for
- 15 residential washers as well.
- 16 But since they didn't do it, we'd like to see
- 17 California be the first State to do it for the commercial
- 18 sector, which is not regulated by the federal government.
- 19 So we applaud your initiative in this regard. It
- 20 means a substantial amount of water savings and energy
- 21 savings for the residents of this State. And, again, we
- 22 urge your adoption.
- Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- Mr. Lucas.

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1 MR. LUCAS: Thank you very much. Bob Lucas
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- 2 representing Carrier Corporation. And Carrier Corporation
- 3 is, of course, heavily involved in the initial stages of
- 4 this rule making.
- 5 We recognize that there has been a rather
- 6 substantial hiatus of six to nine months to get to the
- 7 point of where we are today. And unfortunately, Carrier
- 8 was unable to participate in the December Committee
- 9 meeting, so I would like to make a couple of observations
- 10 relative to -- that I think will fit very nicely into the
- 11 staff schedule.
- 12 The first has to do with commercial refrigeration
- 13 products. These are the reach-in refrigeration units,
- 14 reach-in cabinets, if you would. These standards are
- 15 going to be the first of their kind, affecting this type
- 16 of appliance in the U.S. marketplace, and they will
- 17 require extensive reengineering in order for compliance of
- 18 or the major manufacturers. The major manufacturers,
- 19 which include Carrier Corporation, will have to redesign
- 20 their product line.
- 21 The dates that are currently proposed in the
- 22 standards for the Tier 1 to be met in 2003 provides
- 23 approximately 12 months from the date of adoption of this
- 24 rule making to meet that application of standards.
- 25 And then the manufacturers then have to turn

1 around and then do another redesign to meet the Tier 2

- 2 standards in 2004.
- 3 Considering the date of the final adoption of
- 4 this rule making, we'd like to suggest, at this point,
- 5 that the Commission consider dropping the Tier 1 standard
- 6 and instead allow the manufacturers until the 2004 Tier 2
- 7 time frame to redesign their product lines a single time
- 8 rather than twice in order to meet the standard proposed
- 9 by the Commission. We'll discuss this with staff for
- 10 inclusion in the 15-day language, if that's all right.
- 11 The second item has to deal with packaged
- 12 products. One of the items that had been added to this
- 13 rule making was the addition of an EER equivalency
- 14 standard to the SEER standard for split system products in
- 15 air-conditioning and heat pumps, HSPF also was added.
- 16 We had mentioned, at the time that this was being
- 17 considered, that the EER and SEER do not track exactly.
- 18 And at the time, the consideration was given to that
- 19 concern with regard to the split system, and a two tier
- 20 proposal was adopted at 11.3 moving to an 11.6 EER as
- 21 attached to a 13 SEER split system.
- 22 Those numbers unfortunately do not work with
- 23 regard to package terminal equipment. These are the small
- 24 package units that you often see on roof tops that are
- 25 air-conditioners or that are heat pumps, and some of the

1 concerns that we generally raised at the time but weren't

- 2 sure of then are coming to the forward.
- 3 The 11.6 EER as attached to a 13 SEER for this
- 4 package terminal equipment exceeds any product that's
- 5 currently manufactured today, at least with regard to the
- 6 heat pumps. I believe that there are five units out of
- 7 200 possible units that would meet this on the
- 8 air-conditioning package terminal equipment. I think
- 9 Traine is the manufacturer of this.
- 10 My understanding is that this equipment measures
- 11 approximately 80 inches in length and might be difficult
- 12 for roof installations, which is really the concern for
- 13 the package terminal equipment.
- 14 So with consideration that the federal system
- 15 differentiates between package terminal equipment and
- 16 split systems for the application of EER, I think it's
- 17 appropriate that these standards before they were adopted
- 18 also recognized the differentiation between these two
- 19 systems so that the package terminal equipment can be
- 20 designed with a larger coil area, but still be designed in
- 21 a way they could be used on roof applications as they are
- 22 today.
- 23 Third, the TXV language which Carrier had worked
- 24 on extensively with the staff, originally is still at
- 25 issue. I'm not going to make a major deal over this,

- 1 other than to say that Carrier still perceives this as
- 2 being a mandate to install TXVs. Carrier does have a
- 3 performance concern over TXVs in general.
- 4 We would still, if the opportunity exist, like to
- 5 try again to come up with equivalency language to do
- 6 something else if that is possible.
- 7 Then finally my fourth point has to do with the
- 8 refrigerant data point that is suggested for these
- 9 standards. We'd like to support that data point and point
- 10 out that the federal Energy Star program currently
- 11 collects information on refrigerant type. We think that
- 12 this is entirely appropriate in view of the transitional
- 13 time frames that we arranged with the application of the
- 14 Montreal protocols and the change over to
- 15 nonchlorine-containing refrigerants. The Energy
- 16 Commission and the people of the State of California
- 17 deserve to know whether not these equipments -- or what
- 18 type of refrigerants these equipment have.
- 19 So with those comments, I leave it you. We'll
- 20 work with the staff on the 15-day language.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Yes. And I'm sure you've got
- 23 your written comments in by today or are you going to get
- 24 it in?
- 25 MR. CARY: I'd like this to serve as that

- 1 comment.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: That's why -- it sounded like
- 3 it was detailed enough that you'd probably have to put it
- 4 in writing, so you can talk with staff.
- 5 MR. CARY: Up until this date, I believe that
- 6 Carrier had to work within the trade organizations. These
- 7 issues may or may not have been raised in this context by
- 8 them until today, so I'd like it to.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: All right. Thank you.
- I have one more, Hellan Dowden is not here, I'm
- 11 sure, who I haven't seen for years.
- 12 I'm going to read this into the record. She
- 13 would like to consider -- she did indicate that she had a
- 14 conflicting meeting and she was going to have to leave and
- 15 may not be here.
- 16 She would like you to consider standards for
- 17 plumbing devices that submeter hot and cold water usage in
- 18 multifamily housing. Devices measure and allow the user
- 19 to track usage on their computer.
- I don't know if you've dealt with her before at
- 21 Wellspring International. She leaves this comment. You
- 22 might want to be in touch.
- Thank you.
- 24 Commissioner Pernell.
- 25 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 First of all, I'd like to thank all of the participants

- 2 that commented today. We really appreciate that, also
- 3 those that commented in the December Committee meeting,
- 4 both orally and in writing. Those comments will be
- 5 carefully considered all of them, and I want to
- 6 particularly thank the water agencies for their
- 7 information that they've given us on these standards.
- 8 I want to note, though, for the record, that this
- 9 hearing is the close of the 45-day language, and Ms. Hall
- 10 alluded to that. And then, finally, I'd like to commend
- 11 Ms. Hall and her team for the standards, for the appliance
- 12 standards that the work that they've done and the work
- 13 that they've continued to do on those standards, and I say
- 14 that with all sincerity.
- 15 And, Mr. Chairman, if my colleagues on the
- 16 Committee have no comments, I am prepared to make a
- 17 motion.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: The time is right.
- 19 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, I would
- 20 move -- this is a two-part motion, and I want to make sure
- 21 I get this right. I would move that we not adopt the
- 22 45-day language, and that we direct the Efficiency
- 23 Committee to publish 15-day language as soon as possible
- 24 with the intention of having a final adoption on February
- 25 6th, 2002 business meeting.

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1 COMMISSIONER ROSENFELD: Second.
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- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Motion by Commissioner
- 3 Pernell, seconded by Commissioner Rosenfeld.
- 4 Further comments?
- 5 All in favor?
- 6 (Ayes.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Opposed?
- 8 Adopted four to nothing.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Do you have another motion?
- 10 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: That's it, all in one.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: All right. Thank you.
- 12 Thank you for another yeoman's effort in that. I
- 13 thank the staff.
- We will then go to Item 14, minutes, we have
- 15 none.
- 16 Energy Commission Committee and Oversight.
- 17 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: Mr. Chairman, I do have as
- 18 part of my oversight committee, I have OGA will give us a
- 19 brief report on some of the upcoming legislation that
- 20 he'll be tracking. I might just state for the record also
- 21 that OGA will be giving a monthly report to the Commission
- 22 at the Commission meeting, if appropriate. And it might
- 23 be every week depending upon the legislation.
- MR. SCHMELZER: If you need it that often.
- 25 Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners.

1 And like Commissioner Pernell stated this is the first of

- 2 what we hope will be useful updates on what's going on
- 3 across the street from our perspective.
- 4 As you're aware, the second half of this two-year
- 5 legislative cycle just began on January 7th, so just a
- 6 couple days ago. And I just wanted to make you aware of
- 7 what some of the priorities that we're working on right
- 8 now are, as well as some of the issues that we expect to
- 9 be dealing with this year.
- 10 First off, the top priority that we're going to
- 11 be working on was a left over issue from last year, which
- 12 is the adoption by the Legislature of the Energy
- 13 Commission's Renewable Energy Program and Pier Program
- 14 investment plans. We're working with Senator Sher's
- 15 office and our expectation right now is that that issue
- 16 will be severed from the renewable portfolio standard
- 17 issue and an urgency clause will be adopted. Some changes
- 18 will be made, but relatively minor to the investment plans
- 19 and that will be moved expeditiously.
- 20 We've informed the members we've been working
- 21 with on this issue that we foresee needing adoption of
- 22 that package by March 1st in order to avoid program
- 23 disruption. So we'll move as best we can to meet that
- 24 target.
- 25 Another major initiative sponsored by the Energy

1 Commission that was a package actually adopted last year,

- 2 but we didn't succeed in getting it into legislation, but
- 3 will this year, is the Energy Commission's proposal to
- 4 consolidate our reporting responsibilities, and to make
- 5 changes to our data collection statutes.
- 6 Senator Bowen will be introducing this package as
- 7 new legislation this year. We've had the first of what
- 8 will probably be several meetings leading up to the
- 9 adoption to clarify some of the language there, but we're
- 10 receiving a lot of support there and look forward to
- 11 moving that package through the Legislature this year.
- 12 This is essentially a modernization of Chapter 4
- 13 of the Warren Alquist Act regarding forecasting and
- 14 reporting energy policy issues by the Commission. It's
- 15 very central to our role in the whole world of energy.
- 16 Other upcoming items, the Assembly Utilities and
- 17 Commerce Committee has announced two informational
- 18 hearings that it's going to be having this month. The
- 19 first is on the 14th, Chairman Keese is planning on
- 20 presenting the Energy Commission's supply adequacy
- 21 forecast for the upcoming year.
- 22 The Utilities and Commerce Committee will be
- 23 having the Commission make that presentation and invite
- 24 other representatives from the energy industry, I think,
- 25 to make recommendations to that Committee as to what the

- 1 Legislature should be focusing on for the next year.
- 2 They will be following up that hearing with
- 3 another on the 22nd. That is a little further outward
- 4 looking. They're going to be looking at a five-year time
- 5 period, again asking the Commission to provide a report on
- 6 how we see the supply adequacy forecast for that period of
- 7 time. Right now, I think Mr. Larson will be making that
- 8 presentation.
- 9 And just very briefly some of the issues that I
- 10 think we'll be dealing with this year, although, the
- 11 investment plan package is anticipated to be severed from
- 12 the renewable portfolio standard legislation, Senator
- 13 Sher's office has indicated they still intend to pursue a
- 14 renewable portfolio standard, and we'll be working closely
- 15 on that package, I'm sure.
- 16 Senator Bowen has legislation on State building
- 17 efficiency. It's a package that we've been working on for
- 18 years. There's been a lot of work with other agencies to
- 19 try to get us all together on this. I'm hopeful that
- 20 we'll reach a conclusion finally this year on that issue.
- 21 And also I wanted to point out that this year I
- 22 anticipate we'll be focusing a lot more on federal energy
- 23 policy and anticipate being active in that arena
- 24 especially now that we have our new federal liaison on
- 25 contracts.

1 So that's that, and I look forward to more of

- 2 these updates.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you. And you don't
- 4 know how long we've been on working that. We started
- 5 almost five years ago. It's coming on five years we've
- 6 been working on those standards for government buildings.
- 7 MR. SCHMELZER: Yeah, I think exactly as long as
- 8 I've been working here.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER PERNELL: That's all I have, Mr.
- 11 Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 13 Any questions?
- 14 Discussion of Committee structure was placed here
- 15 as a placeholder in case we had to discuss it,
- 16 Commissioner Moore.
- 17 Chief Counsel's report.
- 18 CHIEF COUNSEL CHAMBERLAIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I
- 19 hope that all of you have had the opportunity to CC the
- 20 filing that we made to the California Supreme Court in the
- 21 Metcalf matter. I did either provide that to your
- 22 advisors or at least offer it.
- In addition, I'll take this opportunity to
- 24 embarrass Mr. Blees. There were kind words said about the
- 25 staff's work on the appliance efficiency standards. Mr.

- 1 Blees has done a tremendous amount of work in this area.
- 2 And I recall -- I was just recalling that I was present on
- 3 November 3rd, 1976 when this Commission adopted the first
- 4 set of appliance efficiency standards in this nation.
- 5 And since then, the matter has -- the legal
- 6 issues relating to appliance efficiency standards have
- 7 become considerably more difficult because of the
- 8 interaction between federal law that was adopted in the
- 9 1980's and establishing the federal governments' role in
- 10 this area with respect to certain standards and the
- 11 State's continuing authority.
- 12 And Mr. Blees has really helped maintain
- 13 California's position in this area.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you.
- 15 Executive Director's report.
- 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LARSON: None at this time.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Public Adviser's report.
- 18 PUBLIC ADVISER MENDONCA: Mr. Chairman, none at
- 19 this time.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Any remaining members of the
- 21 public who want a general comment?
- 22 Hearing none --
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Commissioner Moore.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I

- 1 appreciate you indulging me at the end of the meeting.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: The Commissioner on my right
- 3 would like to know how many minutes you're going to take,
- 4 because he's got a 12:15.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: About a minute and a half.
- 6 Because of circumstances that are well known to all of
- 7 you, this could be my last meeting. I don't know. I'll
- 8 continue to serve under the good graces of the Governor
- 9 for as long as he has me under the limits that are
- 10 prescribed by the law.
- But it could be that because of the nature of the
- 12 hearings that are already scheduled in Morrow Bay, one of
- 13 us is going to have to be here to run the other meetings.
- 14 And so I'm planning to conduct those at the end of the
- 15 month, that they'll take place during the regular business
- 16 meeting time.
- 17 So it is possible that this will be my last
- 18 meeting. I just want to say a couple of words and hope to
- 19 not embarrass myself if it isn't my last meeting. I would
- 20 have to come back and say something different.
- 21 But I just want to say that if I don't get a
- 22 chance to appear here accept at the dais, and there are so
- 23 many restrictions on my ability. I have to enter the
- 24 building with an armed security guard. I have to have a
- 25 hall pass signed by the Chief Counsel, and I have to have

1 a witness who follows me around, if I'm back. It's tough

- 2 coming back as a former Commissioner.
- I simply want to say this, that in six and a half
- 4 years of being here, that the value of the joy of being a
- 5 part of this and the hard work and, boy, the
- 6 disappointments along the way, have been the people. And
- 7 so this is simply a tribute from me to the people that I
- 8 work with throughout this building and to you. I think
- 9 we've all -- we've certainly had our ups and downs, but
- 10 the fact is that we work together and that we've become
- 11 more of a team and a stronger more committed group of
- 12 Commissioners than I think we have had in the history of
- 13 this organization, and I hope that continues to happen.
- So I simply wanted to be able to offer a salute
- 15 from one person about to depart to the real strength of
- 16 having been here, and that's the people.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON KEESE: Thank you, Commissioner Moore
- 19 on behalf of all the Commissioners.
- This meeting is adjourned.
- 21 (Thereupon the California Energy Commission
- meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.)

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